

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/791,457

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 3/1/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are claims 25-56 (renumbered as claims 1-32 respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/933,206.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Macapagal (Reg. No. 55416) on January 10, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 2, line 6, after "number", --09/933,353-- has been inserted;

Line 7, after "number", --09/933,280-- has been inserted.

On page 12, line 23 and page 17, line 20, "16" has been changed to --25--.

On page 18, line 23, "16" has been changed to --52--.

On page 20, line 10, "4" has been changed to --16--.

On page 21, line 20, "sysbol" and "synbol" have been changed to --symbol--.

On page 2 of the preliminary amendment filed 3/1/04, line 2, "1" has been changed to --1-24-- since claims 2-24 were cancelled in the transmittal letter filed on 3/1/04.

In claim 35, line 1, after "wherein", --the-- has been inserted.

In claim 37, line 3, "the trellis coder" has been changed to --a trellis coder--.

In claim 39, line 3, after "case", --and-- has been inserted.

The above changes are made in order to correct typographical errors and to provide proper antecedent basis in the claims.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to show or fairly suggest an enhanced VSB receiver for receiving and decoding a terrestrial broadcasting signal transmitted from a VSB transmitter and a method thereof, having the combinations as claimed, including a demodulator for receiving an input signal including main data and enhanced data from the VSB transmitter and converting the input signal into a base band signal, a symbol indicator for indicating whether each symbol included in the input signal corresponds to the main data or the enhanced data, and generating a sequence of null bits identical to a sequence of null bits previously inserted into the enhanced data at predefined locations by the VSB transmitter, a slicer predictor for providing at least one of a slicer prediction signal and a prediction reliability signal by using the sequence of null bits generated from the symbol indicator, and a channel equalizer for correcting a distorted channel in the base band signal by using the slicer prediction signal, the prediction reliability signal, and the sequence of null bits, and outputting a channel equalizer output signal, as recited in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherrie Hsia whose telephone number is (703) 305-4738.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (703) 305-4795.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 308-HELP.



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